



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #16 **District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule** **Emergency Order Number 3-S-FY-06-26**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As of August 25, the Yukon River fall chum salmon run is projecting to above the upper end of the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000–600,000 fish. With the fall chum salmon run projecting to meet both its drainagewide escapement goal and Alaska tributary escapement goals, subsistence fishing restrictions can be relaxed in tributaries where Canadian-origin fall chum salmon stocks will not be intercepted, including the Tanana River. Canadian treaty goals are not anticipated to be met even with a run size above the upper end of the drainagewide escapement goal range, based on previous season's performance of those stocks and genetic data of the 2026 run to date. Therefore, the Yukon River mainstem must remain closed to protect Canadian-origin fall chum salmon as they make their way upriver.

The coho salmon run is past its historic midpoint and current passage estimates are well below average. Subsistence fishing for coho salmon will remain closed but we will continue to monitor passage to identify any potential fishing opportunities.

Subsistence Management Actions:

Subsistence fishing for Chinook, chum, and coho salmon is closed and these salmon species must be released alive. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon from **noon Thursdays, through noon Sundays**. Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore. Fishing for nonsalmon remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with nonlethal or selective gear types including manned fish wheels, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net.

Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto Area (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the Wood River, including the Kantishna River drainage, Lake Minchumina, Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Effective 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, subsistence fishing for chum salmon and nonsalmon, will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with selective gear types including manned fish wheels, hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Subsistence fishing for coho salmon remains closed.**

6-inch or Smaller Mesh Gillnet Nonsalmon Opportunity in Designated Areas

Subsistence fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon species with **6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets remains open only in designated nonsalmon areas until further notice**. Set gillnets are restricted 60-feet or shorter in length and cannot block more than ½ width of any waterway. Please see Fall Season

Advisory Announcement #9 for the named lists, GPS coordinates, and maps of these designated areas. Links to Advisory Announcements and maps are shared on the ADFG – Yukon River Fishing Facebook page.

Upper Tanana Area (the Tanana River from the confluence with the mouth of Volkmar River on the north bank and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank upstream to the Tanana River headwaters, including Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

Coho salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target other species and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Fishermen are reminded that a subsistence permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage up to the Wood River (Subdistrict 6-A, 6-B, and Kantishna River drainage), northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage (including Minto Flats), and all species in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence salmon permit is not required in Lake Minchumina.

Personal Use Management Actions

Subdistrict 6-C (Personal use fishery from the regulatory marker at the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the downstream mouth of the Salcha River, which includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, personal use fishing for chum salmon will open with dip nets and manned fish wheels on a schedule of two 42-hour periods per week from:

6:00 p.m. Mondays to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Fridays to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Sundays

All coho salmon must be released alive.

Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing

Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area (a portion of the Tanana River drainage from the Wood River upstream to the mouth of the Volkmar River on the north bank and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank, which includes Fairbanks, North Pole, Salcha, and Delta Junction):

Personal Use whitefish and sucker fishing with manned fish wheels is open on the Personal Use Salmon fishing schedule listed above until further notice. Fishing with other gear for whitefish and suckers in this area remains open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, subject to permit stipulations.

A reminder to personal use fishermen that a personal use salmon permit is required to fish for salmon in Subdistrict 6-C and a personal use whitefish and sucker permit is required to fish for these species in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. Both permits require a valid sport fishing license.

Federal Special Action

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has issued a separate Federal special action TSA 03-FC-11-26 with the same fishing schedule and restrictions in waters adjacent to Federal Land. However, in federal public waters of these drainages, chum salmon harvest is limited to federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage. For additional information concerning Yukon River Federal Special Actions contact the USFWS Federal Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, Holly Carroll; holly_carroll@fws.gov, (907) 351-3029 or Assistant Manager, Keith Herron; keith_herron@fws.gov, (907) 334-5391.



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